



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Board for Education Sciences

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education

ACTION: Announcement of an Open Meeting

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES). The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: The NBES meeting will be held on June 8, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

ADDRESSES: 80 F Street, NW, Large Board Room, Washington, DC 20001

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Pelaez, Designated Federal Official, NBES, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 600 E, Washington, DC 20208; phone: (202) 219-0644; fax: (202) 219-1402; e-mail: Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: **NBES's Statutory Authority and**

Function: The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA), 20 U.S.C. 9516. The Board advises the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) on, among other things, the establishment of activities to be supported by the Institute and the funding for applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research after the completion of peer review. The Board also reviews and evaluates the work of the Institute.

Meeting Agenda: On June 8, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m., the Board meeting will commence and members will approve the agenda. From 9:05 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the Board will hear presentations from the Commissioners of the IES Centers for Education Research, Special Education Research, Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, and Education Statistics. This session will be followed by a question and answer period regarding the Commissioners' reports. A break will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The Board meeting will resume from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. when the Board will discuss "Improving Education: The Research Road

Ahead." Susanna Loeb, Vice Chairperson of NBES, will provide opening remarks followed by a panel discussion with Anthony Bryk, NBES member and President, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Tom Kane, Walter H. Gale Professor of Education and Economics, Harvard University; and James Kemple, The Research Alliance for New York City Schools. Roundtable discussion by board members will take place after the panel discussion. The meeting will break for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the board will participate in a discussion on the Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs). Ruth Neild, Commissioner, National Center on Educational Evaluation and Regional Assistance, will provide opening remarks, followed by a panel discussion with Barbara Foorman, Francis Eppes Professor of Education and Director of the REL Southeast, Florida State University; Nikola Filby, Director of the REL West, WestEd; and Neal Finkelstein, Associate Director of the REL West, WestEd. Roundtable discussion by board members will take place after the panel discussion. A break will take place from 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting will resume at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. when the Board will discuss the "Nexus between Student Drug Use and Students

Achievement.” Thomas Brock, Commissioner, National Center for Education Research, will provide opening remarks, followed by a panel discussion.

Closing remarks will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., with adjournment scheduled for 4:15 p.m.

Submission of comments regarding the Board’s policy

recommendations: There will not be an opportunity for public comment. However, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments related to NBES to Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above). A final agenda is available from Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above) and is posted on the Board website <http://ies.ed.gov/director/board/agendas/index.asp>.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NBES website no later than 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC, by e-mailing Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov or by calling (202) 219-0644 to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary

aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice by or before June 1, 2015. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after June 1, 2015, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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